

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **JUNE 21, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Voting Members

Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair
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Bend City, Community Development
Bend City, Fire Department
Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier
Cory Darling
Denice Blake (Absent)
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Sergeant, Tom Pine

Engineering Technician
Bend Police Dept.

Guests

Ruth Zdanowicz
Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Perry Graves
Lisa Burley
Sami Forunier
Casey Bergh
Bill Padgham

Citizen, SWNA
Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, MVNA
Citizen, SEBNA
Citizen, RWNA
Kittelson & Assc/SWNA
Citizen, CWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis asked the members for approval of the May, 2011 Minutes. Mr. Wolf made corrections to the minutes, It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes with corrections.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda, Rex Wolf asked to hear more about the 12th & Greenwood rapid flashing beacons, and also wants to know what happens now that the GO Bond has passed.
- 4) **Public Comments: Ruth Zdanowicz**, thanked Mr. Arnis for making sure the speed trailer was parked on Shevlin Park Road and Shevlin Meadows. With more construction starting in Shevlin Park she has seen a rise in speed. **Bill Pagham**, mentioned that with Jock Craig's retirement from the Board, he would like another TSAC member to sit on the Cascade Middle School Crosswalk Taskforce, with the next meeting being held on August 24th. Rex Wolf volunteered for that post.
- 5) **Draft TSAC Annual Report-** Mr. Gattey wants to make sure that any report to council points out that GO Bond money must to be spent on Transportation projects only. Mike Lovely also wants to remind council that the GO Bond money is earmarked for specific transportation projects. Mr. Arnis agreed that the GO Bond dollars were to go to specific projects, that franchise fees go directly to the Street Department to fund transportation projects, the City Councilors wanted to take the franchise fees from the Street Department and move them to Police and Fire departments, so it was a matter of moving money from one department to another. Mr. Arnis went on to explain the crash data in the annual report and the emphasis on Engineering, Enforcement, and Education. Mr. Wolf wants to make sure that the TSAC membership and the Neighborhood Associations get mentioned for the work they have done on citizen service requests. Tom Stump pointed out that some of the highest priority transportation issues will be resolved with the General Obligation Bond. Eric Huffman mentioned how the group has worked to reduce the number of Citizen Service Requests.
- 6) **Update on Citizen Service Requests (CSRs)** Sergeant Tom Pine updated the group on how the new Speed Watch Volunteer program is shaping up. They have divided the City into quadrants with a volunteer to cover each area, if we have a street that needs to be monitored then it will be put on the list. The police also receive a fair number of calls for speed monitoring and they will go on that list too. If the transportation division gets the call, staff will respond back to the citizen with a letter or an email with the results of the speed study. Sgt. Pine also updated the group that the number of tickets for Speeding have gone down but they are up for cell phone use and for the bike ordinance. The police have a school program for cellphone, texting, and distracted driving. Officer Carney reports that 9 citations have been issued to bicyclists with an education option.

Mr. Arnis asked for a volunteer to work with the Arterial and Collector Traffic Safety Prioritization Project that is forming soon. This group will be looking at the criteria to rank high crash locations to see if it is still a valid way to apply the resources we have to the right areas. Mr. Stump agreed to help with that study.

7) Information Items

Galveston Improvement Taskforce - Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis reported that parking is the biggest issue for this area, storm water is also an issue, it is going well but slow with everything being done on a volunteer basis.

12th and Greenwood (Hwy 20) Pedestrian Crossing

This project is installed and functioning, it is on a much smaller scale than the parkway crossings which had to be oversized. These projects are scheduled for a follow up study sometime in August.

Daggett Lane bids are out this Friday for August construction.

Bear Creek Sidewalk Infill project for Safe Routes to School is planned for design this summer, with right of way being an issue that will have to involve the City Attorney. Storm water is also one of the ongoing issues.

General Obligation Bonds – Mr. Arnis is putting together a request for proposal asking for a consultant to manage at least a couple of projects next summer. Mr. Craig asked if the rail crossing on Reed Market will be at grade, Mr. Arnis confirmed that it would be and spoke about the options for new technology with smart signals to detect train movements. He will update the City Council on July 6th with the progress to date.

7) Citizen Service Requests from TSAC

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

In Progress

- Parrell Road disappearing bike lane – work order issued waiting for warm weather
- Metolius Road signage – Will be done at time of project

Completed

- Mt Washington signs for No Parking – Tickets are being issued at this site.
- Murphy Road was striped
- Iowa Street barricade has been rebuilt and is reinstalled

Items for next month agenda

Roundabout at Century and Mt Washington

Adjourn 9:25 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.